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Corps Seeks Input for LOOW Outreach Program

BUFFALO, NY — The US Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District (the Corps) would like to receive input from the community for the development of an outreach program for the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) Site located in the towns of Lewiston and Porter. By assessing the communication needs and desires of the community, the Corps will be able to engage the widespread interests and expertise existing with local individuals and community groups and ensure the program offers timely and meaningful opportunities for public input. Public involvement complements the Corps' mission to address DoD environmental contamination at the former LOOW Site.

"Our goal is to maximize the dissemination of information to the community and increase public involvement," said Lieutenant Colonel Daniel B. Snead, newly installed Buffalo District Commander. "Once we have assessed the input we receive, we will evaluate the need for hiring an independent facilitator to enhance our discussions with the community."

Members of the community are asked to write or email the Corps to let us know what their concerns are, how you want to be involved in the decision-making process for the site, how often they want to hear from the Corps and what mechanism they would like the Corps to use to provide them with information. The public may call (716) 879-4438 to be interviewed, they may send an e-mail to derpfuds@usace.army.mil or letters may be mailed to the Corps' Buffalo District, Attention: Special Projects Outreach, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207.

The next scheduled outreach event for the Buffalo District is the second information/availability session regarding the Niagara Falls Storage Site Remedial Investigation Report. This session is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lewiston Senior Center, 436 Lower River Road, Youngstown, NY. The Corps has rescheduled this meeting from August 6th at the request of several community members.

For additional information please visit the Buffalo District website at www.lrb.usace.army.mil/derpfuds/loow-nfss, or contact Ms. Arleen Kreusch, Outreach Program Specialist, at (716) 879-4438 or (800) 833-6390.

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